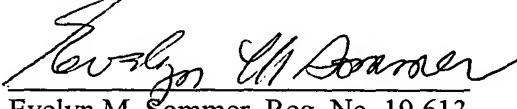


### REMARKS

The instant amendment is being proffered simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application. The changes are primarily to conform the claims so that they are more in accord with the Patent & Trademark Office requirements. A new claim 21 has been added so as to more completely define the scope of the applicant's invention and claims 2-20 made dependent thereon. Claim 1 remains as it defines another aspect of the invention. The retention of claim 1 is not to be construed as an implied admission that the language in the preamble is in fact the prior art. Consideration of the application in view of the simultaneous amendment is respectfully requested.

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